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COUNTY CANDIDATES BEGIN TO LINE UP

For the Spring Primary—Will be Plenty of Them.

There is just an inkling of talk concerning candidates for the various county offices so far, though a few have made positive declaration of their intentions to enter.

Possibly the most positive declarations have thus far been made concerning the sheriff's office. The present efficient sheriff, R. Lee Kennerly, is sure to be a candidate for re-nomination. Others who will seek this office are Peter M. Hagan, at present deputy U. S. Internal Revenue Collector with headquarters in Palatka and said to be one of the most efficient peace officers in all Florida. John W. Glisson of Bostwick, a gentleman well-known in the county, has also made positive declaration of his intention to be a candidate. Mr. Glisson for a few months served as a deputy sheriff under Mr. Kennerly. John D. Pigue of Crescent City, who made a phenomenal run for this office four years ago, was in the city on Tuesday evening and to the News representative, made the statement that he would be a candidate. At present Mr. Pigue is the engineer of the tow boat Philadelphia. It is said he has influential backing. Another well-known gentleman who is reported to be ambitious for this office is Mr. Duncan Bohannon, long interested in the naval stores business in the county, and who hails from the Bannerville district. He is a very fine gentleman and would secure strong support should he decide to enter the race. Mr. Bohannon was not in the city and the News can not make positive assurance that he will be in the race. Another candidate for sheriff is Mr. W. M. Cannon of this city, one of the best known young men of the county and who stands high in the community. Mr. Cannon stated to the News that it was his intention to become a candidate and that he would make announcement at the proper time—he preferred that nothing be said about it at present, but when told that others were not keeping their intentions secret, he reluctantly consented that his could be made known. It will thus be seen that the people will have a wide range of choice from which to select their next sheriff.

Hon. Henry Hutchinson, the present popular and efficient clerk of the court will be in the race to succeed himself. Mr. Hutchinson is generally recognized as a man whom it would be hard to beat. It was stated sometime ago that the present county tax collector, R. J. Hancock, would also be a candidate for the clerkship, in which event there would be a pretty race with the result in doubt to the finish. Mr. Hancock when seen, however, yesterday morning, stated that he had not made up his mind as yet whether to be a candidate for his present office or try for the clerkship; he said he would decide in ample time and would let us know. "If I do not run," said he, "there will be others, for at least two men have told me that they would be candidates for clerk in event that I was not." A number of Mr. Hancock's friends will urge him to seek to continue in his present office. One of these said to the News: "If Rayford Hancock runs for Clerk against Henry Hutchinson, I and several men whom I know, will not vote for either. If I voted for Rayford I would be voting against Hutchinson, and I just can't do it. If I voted for Hutchinson I would be voting against Rayford Hancock, and I couldn't do that either, so I would not vote for or against either."

For Collector of Taxes, if Mr. Hancock runs, there would probably be no opposition. In the past some of Putnam's tax collectors have died in office and some have resigned, but the people have never failed to return them to office. Mr. Hancock is sure of a renomination in case he comes out for this office. In case he decides not to it is said that W. A. Williams, present city clerk of Palatka will enter the race, and E. J. McLendon, one of the best liked young farmers of the county, is also mentioned as a possible candidate. Then there is also mention of Randall Wells as a possible candidate. Mr. Wells is the present county surveyor, and a popular and splendid young man.

Henis Peterman will go into the registration office without opposition, most likely. This is an office that Henis seems to have acquired a life interest in by faithful performance. G. F. Bullard, the county assessor, may have opposition (he usually does) but so far no one has intimated a purpose to contest for the place. Mr. Bullard it is generally conceded is trying to do his honest best in this trying position—to play fair with everybody. He is one of the best assessors in Florida and his work is a model of accurate adjustment and clerical neatness.

Hon. E. E. Haskell, the present efficient county judge, makes positive announcement that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for renomination. Judge Haskell took office to fill out the unexpired term of the late Judge M. I. Cox, during whose illness the affairs of which had become pretty much mixed. At the present time the records are written up to the minute and any paper needed can be secured immediately. The records of the office are a model of neatness and accuracy and any man who succeeds to the place will find easy sailing. Among the candidates who have positively announced for successor to Judge Haskell is Attorney Julian C. Calhoun, one of the most

AN OLD MAN MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

Found With His Legs Burned to a Crisp Lying in Yard.

A passer by the home of Levi Jernigan near Baldwin school house in West Putnam, last Monday afternoon near 3 o'clock, discovered that the house was burned to the ground and was still smoking. Entering the place he discovered Mr. Levi Jernigan the owner of the place lying dead in the yard, his legs nearly burnt off.

It is reported that people living in that section had noticed smoke arising in that direction, but did not dream that a neighbor's house was afire or his life in jeopardy.

Others who had passed the place about 2 o'clock the same afternoon report that the house was intact at that time, therefore it must have burned between 2 and 3 o'clock. It is supposed that Mr. Jernigan, who was a very old man, was in the house asleep and was caught in the flames. He lived alone, his family having a home in Jacksonville.

Mr. Jernigan was an old citizen of the county and a veteran of the Confederacy. His horrible death will be clouded in some mystery, though there is no suspicion of foul play.

popular men in Palatka, and chairman of the county democratic executive committee. It is also rumored that Attorney J. N. Blackwell will also be in the race. Mr. Blackwell was engaged in a case at the court house on Thursday morning and could not be interrupted to find out his intentions.

It is also rumored that ex-Sheriff Howell, at present a deputy sheriff, would be a candidate for Justice of Peace to succeed Justice Marshall, but this could not be verified.

For Superintendent of Schools The News could not ascertain on Thursday morning whether Prof. Cottingham would be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Cottingham was not in his office. He has been in ill health a good part of the past two years and many have said that because of this he would not likely be a candidate. However, it does not pay to take these things second-handed. We regret our inability to see Mr. Cottingham and get his statement. Anyway Mr. C. H. Price, the Lemon street grocer, a young man who is a scion of one of the old and most respected families in the county, has said positively that he would be a candidate. He is well-qualified for the place. He has education, tact, energy and a mannerism about him that is sure to win votes, and in case of election something that would fit well into the administration of the office. P. J. Becks the real estate man and the Putnam county member of the State democratic executive committee has also been mentioned as a candidate, but when seen on Thursday morning Mr. Becks sniled and said "Russell, I don't know; haven't quite made up my mind." Mr. Becks was for two years chairman of the county school board, and is more or less familiar with the work of the schools. He is popular in the county and would make a good run. But he doesn't know, yet.

This is only a starter—there will be a host of candidates, never fear—and the next two weeks will bring many if not the majority of them to the surface.

For County Commissioners. The News is not posted as to the intentions of members of the board of county commissioners regarding another term. It has heard it said that the president of the board, Hon. W. C. Alvers of the First district, would not be a candidate. During the summer, for a month or more, Mr. Alvers was not feeling well, and the report got out at that time. He is better now. One thing is certain and that, he is more popular now than ever before during his long service on the board and it would take a mighty strong man to beat him, provided he decides to again become a candidate.

Mr. Rowton who represents the Palatka district is filling out the unexpired term of a resigned member; he has been but a few months on the work, but he has made a hard working and conscientious official and if he concludes to seek a renomination he will likely get it.

Tom Waldron of the Third district is very popular; he is serving his first term and is making good; he would be a hard man to down. He is a farmer who knows his business thoroughly and he is working the county's business just as thoroughly.

D. P. Hancock of Bostwick would be a hard man to beat provided he wants to sit longer on the board; he is a very conscientious member and has plenty of intelligence.

Mr. Perry of the Fifth district is also popular, especially throughout his district. He has been on the board several terms and is familiar with county business and in the event of his re-election this would be worth much to the county. He is a kind of "watch-dog" of the county treasury, and this has sometimes gotten him criticized by men who wanted to get a hand in it; but "watch-dogs" are good things to have in the family or county or state—real watch-dogs.

Possibly there are men in the county ambitious to fill the places of some of these commissioners, but so far the News has not been informed as to who they were.

Medical authorities state that it takes fifteen days for the average human body to recover fully from the loss of two consecutive nights' sleep.

FORMER METHODIST PASTOR DIES SUDDENLY

Rev. A. L. Woodward Expires Suddenly at His Tallahassee Home.

Rev. A. L. Woodward who some ten or twelve years ago served nearly two years as pastor of St. James' Methodist church in this city, died on Wednesday of last week at the home of his son, Mr. Frank P. Woodward, in Tallahassee. Mr. Woodward's death came suddenly while dressing in the morning. "He was adjusting his tie," said Mrs. Woodward, "when he suddenly threw up his hands to his head and exclaimed, 'Oh, my head!' He began to totter, and I ran to him and eased him to the floor, calling for help. He was soon placed on the bed, and died within a few moments without regaining consciousness."

Mr. Woodward was born in Tallahassee November 28th, 1841, and was consequently a little past his 74th year. He was married to his present wife at Newport, Fla., fifty-two years ago. He entered the Confederate army and after the surrender engaged in the railroad business, and was agent for the Seaboard Air Line in Tallahassee and at Live Oak for many years. During this period he became a local preacher of the Methodist church, and was finally admitted to the Florida Conference and assigned to Palatka to fill out the unexpired pastorate of Rev. Mr. Williams. He remained in Palatka nearly two years, when he was appointed to another charge. It was while pastor at Cedar Keys in 1912 that he suffered a stroke of paralysis, due to hardening of the arteries. He had a second attack last year; the third came on Wednesday with fatal effect.

Mr. Woodward was an eloquent, earnest and able minister of the gospel. He was a most retentive memory and he had a wonderful fund of story and poetry with which he frequently delighted his friends. He worked all through the Tallahassee section of his Master's vineyard, and was known and beloved by thousands. He made some able contributions of poetry and prose to the press, and scores of his character sketches are gems of excellence and versatility.

In Palatka he was greatly loved by the people of St. James church, and by all people of the city he was regarded as an exemplary Christian character; a thorough gentleman of the old school, kindly considerate of others and always courteous to a degree.

The funeral services were conducted in Trinity church, of which he has long been a faithful and consecrated member, by Rev. T. J. Nixon the pastor, who touchingly told of the Christian devotion of the good man, and of the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

Miss Burt's Return Home. Miss Katherine Burt, after an absence of eight years, has returned for an indefinite visit with her mother, Mrs. Judge James Burt, in Palatka Heights. It will be remembered that Miss Burt was last year graduated from the Philadelphia School for Nurses at the head of a class of twenty. Her return to Palatka is a cause of much pleasure among her large number of friends in this city.

Informal Party for Club. The Social Committee have arranged an informal social at the Putnam House for this afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be an interesting contest, and refreshments of coffee and sandwiches will be served. These socials are given twice during the club year and always prove very entertaining. The public, or non-members are welcome, upon receipt of 25c admission. It is hoped that every member will come, as a good time is assured.

Mrs. Stephens' Death. Mrs. Emily E. Stephens, aged 83 years, died at the home of her son, Mr. L. C. Stephens, in this city last Tuesday afternoon. The body accompanied by Mr. Stephens and his brother, B. L. Stephens, was taken to Lourdes county, Ga., for interment beside her husband.

Mrs. Stephens had lived with her son here for the past nine years, ever since the death of her husband. She was one of those good, kindly Christian mothers whose chief joy in earth is found in fitting their sons for a noble Christian manhood, and whose life is modestly lived in a manner such as to influence all who come in contact with her to see the value of a godly life. Her funeral was held on Wednesday at Shilo Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Lourdes county, Ga., a church in which she had held a membership for more than 50 years. In his remarks the present pastor of the church spoke of the great influence of her life in the community, an influence which is still felt. Besides the two sons mentioned, Mrs. Stephens is survived by another son, Mr. J. G. Stephens of Fort Lauderdale, who was unable to attend the funeral.

Thimble Party for Miss Dukes. Miss Leila Dukes the bride-elect whose marriage to Lacy Day Edge will be an event of January 10th, was an honoree at a daintily appointed thimble party given by Mrs. Alston Haile at her pretty home on River street Wednesday afternoon. Holly was used profusely in decorations. After a delightful afternoon spent in sewing, the guests repaired to the dining room where a course luncheon was served. The guest of honor was presented with a pair of lovely pink satin boudoir slippers.

The guests were Misses Leila Duke, Louise and Grace Urie, Stella and Winifred Browning of East Palatka, Blanche Lyons, Susie Walton, Ann Deaderick, Olive and Helen Tilghman, Mesdames Warner Hamm, Carl Davis and H. F. Lecks.

Music Class of Woman's Club. The next meeting of the music class of the Woman's Club will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Putnam House. "Music in The Public Schools" will be the subject for the afternoon, with Miss Ida Leib as leader. Miss Leib has prepared a most interesting program which includes solos by Miss Irma Jane Lewis, of Kansas, a highly cultivated and charming vocalist who is a winter visitor at the home of Mrs. Jane Holcomb. The program follows: "Music in The Public Schools," Miss Leib.

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PALATKA GAS LIGHT & FUEL CO. SOLD TO SOUTHERN UTILITIES

Big Deal Was Closed Yesterday—Mr. Bailey Pleased.

New Company to be Managed by R. E. L. Mann—Will Take Possession Tomorrow.

Possibly the biggest deal consummated in this city in many years was that of yesterday noon, when the Southern Utilities Company of Florida purchased the stock of the Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co. of Mr. G. Loper Bailey, long at its head as president, and at a price which appears to be eminently satisfactory to that gentleman and all concerned in the deal.

Mr. Bailey was represented in the negotiations by Mr. R. F. Adams, vice president of the East Florida Savings & Trust Co. The option for the property was secured by Messrs. H. M. de Montmolin and Mr. Adams.

Representing the Southern Utilities Company in the deal were its vice president and general manager, Mr. C. I. Day, Mr. F. G. Whitney, the general auditor, and Col. P. A. Vans Agnew, the general attorney of the company, all of Jacksonville.

"The new company will operate under the same name as the old," said Mr. Day. "The Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co.—and will take possession on January 1st. It is the purpose of the company as soon as possible to change the present system of lighting to a 3-phase 60 cycle distribution—the standard system—and install a new generator equipment at the ice plant, which you are aware the company purchased of Mr. Canova several years ago. Mr. R. E. L. Mann, the manager of the ice plant will remain as manager of that and the lighting and power system. We hope to make many improvements and earn by our service the respect and confidence of the people of Palatka."

The Southern Utilities Company is a Florida corporation and all except two of its franchisees are in this state. So far in its history it has had plain and easy sailing among the people it serves.

Presbyterian Church. Next Sunday Rev. Dr. C. M. Alford, pastor, will preach in the morning on the subject: "Thoughts On the New Year," Evening, address to men; subject, "The Plumb Line." Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation to all.

The Rosenberg Reception. Dr. and Mrs. William Henry Rosenberg will give a reception tonight from seven to nine o'clock in honor of their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. John Almond Rosenberg. The reception will be at the home of Miss Mulholland in Mulholland Park. The bride who is to be met socially in Palatka on this occasion, was Miss Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lewis of Fort Pierce. Her marriage to Mr. Rosenberg occurred at St. Andrews church in that city on Wednesday evening.

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